

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 3 on page 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

To achieve these and other advantages and according to the purpose of the present invention, as embodied and broadly described, a buckle for belts for connecting a strap-connecting element, the buckle comprising a first shell unit having a releasing piece; a second shell unit having a first end and a second end opposing the first end connected to the first shell unit and defining an entrance at the first end together with the first shell unit, the second shell unit further having a slit at the second end for connecting a belt and a seat situated between the entrance and the slit; a locking element pivotally connected to the seat of the second shell unit and has a latch adjacent the entrance, a ledge extending towards the slit, and a shoulder formed between the latch and the ledge; an elastic element is provided at the seat for repositioning the locking element; a moving element is movably installed between the seat and the slit such that the moving element is able to slide relative to the seat; and the buckle is designed such that when the strap-connecting element is inserted into the entrance between the first shell unit and the second shell unit, the shoulder is pushed by the strap-connecting element so that the locking element is pivotally rotated to make the latch lock the strap-connecting element to enlarge a gap between the ledge and a main body of the second shell unit such that the moving element is moved in the gap to contact with the ledge so as to keep the locking element in a state of firmly securing the strap-connecting element; when the releasing piece of the first shell unit is actuated, the releasing piece cooperates with the moving element to move the moving element out of the gap away from the ledge such that the elastic element repositions the locking element to release

the latch from the state of locking the strap-connecting element.